

CLAIMS

1. A method for identifying a smart card comprising:

presenting said smart card to a computing device;

extracting a token ID from said smart card;

obtaining a token type; and

using said token ID and said token type to identify said smart card.

2. The method of claim 1 further comprising:

establishing a communication channel between said computing device and a remote computer.

3. The method of claim 1 wherein said step of obtaining comprises:

extracting said token type from said smart card.

4. The method of claim 1 wherein said step of obtaining comprises:

consulting a configuration file to obtain said token type.

5. The method of claim 4 further comprising:

consulting a probe order file to obtain a path for said configuration file.

6. The method of claim 2 wherein said remote computer comprises a server.

7. The method of claim 4 wherein said configuration file resides on said remote computer.

8. The method of claim 5 wherein said probe order file resides on said remote computer.

9. The method of claim 1 wherein said computing device comprises a human interface device.

10. The method of claim 1 wherein said smart card comprises a MicroPayflex smart card.

11. A computer program product comprising:
a computer usable medium having computer readable program code embodied therein
configured to identify a smart card, said computer usable medium comprising:
computer readable code configured to cause a user to present said smart card to a computing device;
computer readable code configured to cause a computer to extract a token ID from said smart card;
computer readable code configured to cause a computer to obtain a token type; and
computer readable code configured to cause a computer to use said token ID and said token type to identify said smart card.

12. The computer program product of claim 11 further comprising:

computer readable code configured to cause a computer to establish a communication channel between said computing device and a remote computer.

13. The computer program product of claim 12 wherein said computer readable code configured to cause a computer to obtain comprises:

computer readable code configured to cause a computer to extract said token type from said smart card.

14. The computer program product of claim 11 wherein said computer readable code configured to cause a computer to obtain comprises:

computer readable code configured to cause a computer to consult a configuration file to obtain said token type.

15. The computer program product of claim 14 further comprising:

computer readable code configured to cause a computer to consult a probe order file to obtain a path for said configuration file.

16. The computer program product of claim 12 wherein said remote computer is a server.

17. The computer program product of claim 14 wherein said configuration file resides on said remote computer.

18. The computer program product of claim 15 wherein said probe order file resides on said remote computer.

19. The computer program product of claim 11 wherein said computing device is a human interface device.

20. The method of claim 1 wherein said smart card is a MicroPayflex

21. A system for identifying a smart card comprising:
a smart card configured to be presented to a computing device;
a token ID configured to be extracted from said smart card;
a token type configured to be obtained wherein said token ID and said token type are used to identify said smart card.

22. The system of claim 21 further comprising:
a communication channel between said computing device and a remote computer wherein said token type is found on said remote computer.

23. The system of claim 21 wherein said token type is extracted from said smart card.

24. The system of claim 22 wherein a configuration file is consulted to obtain said token type.

25. The system of claim 24 further comprising:

a probe order file configured to be consulted to obtain a path for said configuration file.

26. The system of claim 22 wherein said remote computer is a server.

27. The system of claim 26 wherein said configuration file resides on said server.

28. The system of claim 26 wherein said probe order file resides on said server.

29. The system of claim 21 wherein said computing device comprises a human interface device.

30. The system of claim 21 wherein said smart card comprises a MicroPayflex smart card.